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## GERMAN PRESS CZAR AXEL SPRINGER IS DINNER SPEAKER



Axel Springer

Europe's controversial and mightiest "press baron," Axel Springer of West Germany, will deliver the main address at the OPC Annual Awards dinner on Friday April 18 in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria, Club President *Hal Lehrman* and Dinner Committee Chairman *Bob Considine* announced this week.

Springer will speak on "U.S. Propaganda — Is It Winning or Losing?" Known for his pro-West views — Springer was the first German editor licensed to publish by the Allies after World War II — he is expected to make a friendly but hard-hitting appraisal of America's performance in the press and propaganda war.

Springer, whose headquarters offices near the Berlin Wall were assaulted last summer by rioting students, directs a press empire of five daily newspapers with combined circulation of 5.5 million; two Sunday newspapers, two magazines and two major book publishing houses.

Two of his properties are the largest of their kind on the Continent: *Bild Zeitung*, a morning tabloid, has 4.4 million circulation and is printed simultaneously in five different cities in the Federal Republic. A Springer radio-TV weekly, *Hoer Zu*, is Europe's largest, averaging 150 pages per issue with a circulation of 4.3 million.

Springer, born in Hamburg in 1912, started with his father's small suburban newspaper but, since World War II, has built a massive establishment which includes, among others, *Die Welt*, a prestige daily delivered throughout West Germany, the Sunday weeklies *Bild am Sonntag* and *Welt am Sonntag* and the noted pre-war publishing house of *Ullstein*.

Springer is coming to the US especially to speak at the Awards Dinner.

A lighter touch in the Dinner program will be supplied by Rep. Morris Udall (D., Ariz.), brother of former Interior Secretary Stewart Udall, who will deliver his renowned "Report from the Hill." Frank Guarrera, the Metropolitan Opera baritone, will sing the National Anthem.

OPC Awards for excellence in reporting and interpretation of foreign affairs will go to 17 newsmen, and the President's Award, a special presentation, will be presented to the newsmen of Czechoslovakia.

(Table reservations may be made through Jeannette Longyear. Phone: 753-3915.)

## WORLD-WIDE TICKER

### NEWSMEN COVER LONGEST PARATROOP HOP

By AL KAFF

TOKYO — American newsmen stationed in Tokyo hopped over to Korea to cover Exercise Focus Retina, the 8,500-mile trans-Pacific airlift of 82nd Airborne Division troops from Fort Bragg. The newsmen picked a few bones with the military brass.

About 300 newsmen, including Korean reporters and newsmen flown out from the United States, covered the operation, which the military said was the longest distance troops have ever been flown to a parachute drop.

Newsmen grumbled that the only telephone at the drop site was reserved for generals, and they were unable to call their copy into Seoul 40 miles away. Some of the newsmen from Tokyo said they were denied access to special briefings set up for writers from the United States.

Covering the show from Tokyo were Don Shannon, Los Angeles Times; **John Roderick** and Max Desfor, AP; Sam Jameson, Chicago Tribune; Phil Shabecoff, The New York Times; **John Rich**, NBC, and Roger Peterson, ABC.

Gerald Long, general manager of Reuters, spent a week in Tokyo meeting Japanese news executives. He and Mrs. Long arrived from Sydney and flew on to London. Other visitors to the world's most populous city in March included David Murray, Chicago Sun Times; John Wallace, Hearst newspapers, and Jerome Gold, NBC.

Mitchell W. Sharp, Canada's secretary of state for external affairs, is scheduled to speak before a professional lunch in the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan April 15. Members are waiting to ask him about Canada's at-

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## Letters

### OVERSEAS PROTEST

As one who has loyally supported the OPC for decades, and who has responded to the appeal for a special assessment, may I raise a loud cry of alarm and protest on behalf of overseas members..

I believe the Board of Governors will make a grievous error if it slashes The Bulletin in any way, and I think that close to 99% of our overseas members will concur.

Mr. J. J. Wurzel's laudable efforts in recommending tighter fiscal controls are appreciated, but his proposal for surgery on The Bulletin is a monumental mistake. Any money "saved" on cutting The Bulletin down to a monthly and blacking it out entirely during the summer, may be lost many times over, by resignations of overseas and other members.

The Bulletin is usually the only tangible link that overseas members have with the Club, and often the only tangible advantage received from dues payments. If you cut down on The Bulletin, you give overseas members the feeling that the Club lacks interest in them. The newsmen on battlefields in Viet Nam, in the troubled Middle East, in Biafra or elsewhere on busy, far-away news fronts, will take a dim view, indeed, of a news blackout and separation from the world of their colleagues for two months out of the year, and a restricted diet for the rest of the year.

The present administration certainly is aware of this, and overseas members trust it will remember that it won support, for its promise to develop The Bulletin and the "Overseas" aspects of the Club, to continue efforts to cut deficits and to acquire better, more economical and more intimate Club quarters.

Bernard S. Redmont  
Paris

### VOLUNTEER STAFF FOR BULLETIN

I have the February special assessment statement and note also the detailed Joe Wurzel report in The Bulletin March 22.

First, regarding proposed dropping of The Bulletin in July and August, why not continue all year round with a volunteer staff? The Women's National Press Club, the American Newspaper Women's Club and the National Press Club produce their newsletters without costly professional help. The Women's news bulletins are produced voluntarily and on a mimeograph machine.

Now, about the accounts, Joe Wurzel in one paragraph says the deficit dis-

covered is \$110,000, then under recommendations, No. 3, reveals there are accounts receivable of \$180,000 for money owed by members for house and dues.

Why should we chip in to pay for delinquent members? You publish a list of those who are meeting the assessment. Why not print a list of those, and the amounts, who owe the \$180,000? Is the assessment to cover the \$110,000 or the \$180,000? It all totals up to \$390,000 it seems to me from the Wurzel report. If only a fraction of the assessment is turned in, how will you pro rata the collection plate to cover the remainder, and, what becomes of the unpaid portion? Why not write off as bad debts? Every member should be on a cash basis. I don't know any other press club with credit deals.

Marjorie Young

### FIGHT BULLETIN CUTS

I hope you'll fight tooth and nail not to have The Bulletin curtailed too much by the economy drive. For the Rome community at least, it's the only reason they belong.

Dennis Redmont  
Rome

### FAR EAST NOTE

The OPC Bulletin is accorded a place of honor on the bulletin board of the HK Foreign Correspondents Club, and that is where I saw the picture of myself taking communion in the mountains with the Marines....

Andy Guthrie  
Hong Kong

### QUESTIONS ASKED ...

The undersigned members of the Board of Governors feel that their position in regard to the present financial crisis of the Club has been inadequately conveyed to the membership, and wish to say that:

1) Some of us, during the past two years, have made repeated requests for more and better financial information, requests which have been for the most part ignored.

2) Some of us have repeatedly asked the President to constitute a House Committee with real authority to control clubhouse operations.

3) Some of us have warned repeatedly that loose control of cash transactions exposed the Club to "slippage," and have recommended a chit system.

4) Some of us have been and are now disturbed at the failure of the Treasurer to evaluate and give specific priorities

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## GUARRERA TO SING

Metropolitan Opera baritone Frank Guarrera will appear at the April 1 OPC Annual Awards Dinner to sing the National Anthem at the beginning of the Awards ceremonies.

One of the Met's most sought-after performers, Guarrera has not only appeared more frequently at the Metropolitan than any other baritone but has also been a regular guest star with the opera companies of San Francisco, Cincinnati, New Orleans and Philadelphia. His roles as Escamillo in Carmen, as Scarpia in Tosca and title roles in Rigoletto and The Barber of Seville are among his noted performances.



Guarrera

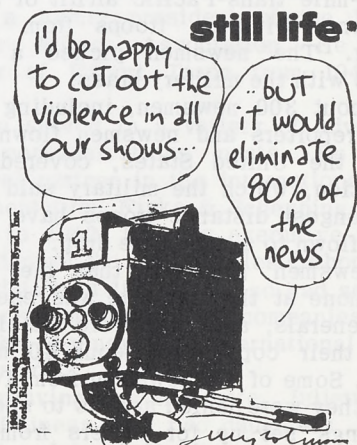
A former Metropolitan Auditions winner, Guarrera studied at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and was associated with the late Maestro Arturo Toscanini, who selected him to sing the role of Fanuel in the La Scala production of Nerone.

### ASSESSMENT FUND TOTALS

As this issue of The Bulletin goes to press, 1,215 members have sent in checks totalling \$41,935.03 in payment of their assessment.

In addition, 63 OPCers have contributed \$2,232.73 over and above the required amounts, averaging \$35 per donor.

JERRY ROBINSON





## Dining Room Going 'International'

Call it the Second Floor Dining Room no more. Starting Wednesday, April 23, it will be the Overseas Press Club International Dining Room.

For it will be international in flavor in more ways than one. Its new features:

- A new international wine list, especially selected by *Robert Misch* of the Food and Beverage Committee, who is a nationally known writer and lecturer on wines.
- A new wine carafe service, featuring red, white and pink wines just selected by the Food and Beverage Committee at a special tasting.
- A new international menu, featuring the best of delicious dishes from countries around the world.

The new menu, available only during the evening hours, will highlight a different country's cooking each night. The recipes, too, have been selected by Misch and will be prepared under his direction by OPC chef Prosper Anselm.

"We hope to restore gracious dining to the OPC with dishes that cannot be matched or obtained in any restaurant in town," said Food and Beverage Committee Chairman *James Trullinger*. "It is long overdue at the Club. We have a beautiful dining room, a central location, reasonable prices, and now with international dishes of gourmet quality, we will be offering members and their guests a real dining adventure."

The new International Dining service will be inaugurated on Wednesday, April 23, with a "grand opening." Dinner will be served from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

### NICE WORDS IN BELATED REVIEW

Clarence Duncan filed a favorable review of the OPC book, *Heroes for Our Times* in a recent edition of The Nashville Banner.

Duncan noted the "astute and veteran correspondents have evaluated, from first hand knowledge, the 12 leaders who have made the 'greatest mark for good on our century.'"

"A photographic gallery of the heroes, edited by *Cornell Capa*, further enhanced this interesting and inspirational volume."

## NEW YORK SCENE

Edited by BEULAH HARRIS

**Fri., April 18 – OPC Annual Awards Dinner.** Grand Ballroom, Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Reception 6:30 p.m.; dinner 7:30. Black tie. Tickets: \$25 each for OPC members and one guest; others \$60. Call Jeannette Longyear, 212-753-3915, for reservations. (See story page 1).

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**Sat., April 19 – Noon to 8 p.m. Another "Great Soup" day at the Bar & Grill.** This week Genoese Minestra (robust minestrone). Also cheese, fruit, wine – all you can eat. \$2.25.

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## Asia: The American Involvement

**Tues., April 22 – Book Night.** Sol W. Sanders, *A Sense of Asia*. Cocktails 6:30 p.m.; dinner 7:30. \$6.

The evening will offer an up-to-the-minute picture of the situation in Asia and a keen appraisal of the American involvement there.

*Sol Sanders*, whose new book, *A Sense of Asia* (Scribner's), has just been published, is back in this country for just two weeks. He will head a panel of experts in discussing the current Asian situation. Sanders believes that the US has done badly in Asia, but that in spite of all our errors the American is the chief revolutionary force in Asia today.

*William L. White*, editor-publisher of The Emporia Gazette and roving editor for The Reader's Digest, will also be on the panel. In his new book, *Report on the Asians* (Reynal), he says: "All who hope for a negotiated peace in Viet Nam should look, not to the Hotel Majestic in Paris, but to Peking."

A third author with a new and important book will also give his viewpoint. *Dan Morris*, whose book, *Okinawa, A Tiger by the Tail* (Hawthorn), was favorably reviewed in the NY Times Sunday Book Review, believes that the situation wherein the US and Japan co-exist is likely to explode dramatically in the near future.

And, to discuss another critical area of Asia, *Arnold Brackman* will appear. Brackman has published several outstanding studies on Indonesia and is currently writing a new book on the subject for W. W. Norton.

All of the Asian experts will answer questions from the floor.

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**Wed., April 23 – Grand opening of new International Dining Room, featuring new wines, exotic foreign dishes. Reservations.**

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**Sun., April 27 to Tues., May 6 – A 10-day, red-carpet trip for OPC members to Alabama and Florida.**

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## The Stuff As Dreams Are Made On

**Tues., April 29. Regional Dinner. "A Night in Denmark." Cocktails 6:30 p.m. dinner 7:30. \$7.**

Among the door prizes from the land of fairy tales will be "Fairy Tale Pillows," guaranteed to produce happy dreams for the lucky winners. Also, for bolder and more daring members, chosen by lot, there will be Viking mobiles.

Denmark's Consul General Frederik Harhoff will be honored guest. Also among those to skool will be Mimi Sheraton, author of *The Seducer's Cookbook*, a rare and tantalizing noncaloric volume.

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**Wed., April 30 – Annual Meeting. 8:00 p.m.**

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**Fri., May 2 – 8:30 p.m. World premiere of new one-act opera "Haircut" by Sam Morgenstern, from a story of the same name by Ring Lardner, presented by the Met Opera Studio.**

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**Thurs., May 15 – 8:30 p.m. Concert. Rita Shane, NY City Opera.**

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**Wed., May 28 – Edward R. Murrow World Affairs Forum. Dr. Edward Teller, atomic scientist. Cocktails 6:30 p.m.; dinner 7:30. \$6.00.**

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All reservations not cancelled 24 hours in advance will be charged to members' accounts.



## WORLD-WIDE TICKER

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tempts to open diplomatic talks with Communist China.

New members of the Foreign Correspondents Club include Vernon Keith Harrison, Tokyo News Service; Edwin M. Reingold, Time-Life; Mikhail A. Tulukov, Tass, and Kurt Volkert, CBS.

The Club is arranging a working press tour of the Philippines during Japan's Golden Week, April 30 to May 5, when Japanese close their offices and put on kimono to celebrate three holidays in one week. In addition to Philippine sightseeing, Tokyo foreign correspondents have been promised a meeting with President and Mrs. Ferdinand Marcos.

### BROADCAST GROUP FOUNDED IN ROME

By DENNIS REDMONT

ROME: The International Broadcast Institute (IBI), a newly-organized non-profit group studying the relationship between mass communications and society, has set up headquarters in Rome.

Arthur Morse, ex-CBS Reports producer, the new interim director, says the organization chose Rome to get away from the "London-New York axis."

Chairman of the IBI is Sweden's Olof Rydbeck, while Sig Mickelson (US) and Yoshinori Maeda (Japan) serve as vice chairmen.

Members of the Council include Italy's Luigi Barzini, America's Louis G. Cowan, Jerome Wiesner, Waldemar A. Nielsen and Newton Minow, and British members Asa Briggs, Sir Geoffrey Cox, Robert McKenzie and The Rt. Hon. Kenneth G. Younger. Also on the council: France's Pierre Lazareff, Australia's Sir Charles Moses, Christopher Kolade of Nigeria, and Chilean publisher Agustin Edwards.

The IBI held its first conference recently at the Rockefeller Foundation's Villa Serbelloni in Bellagio, Northern Italy. It urged more self-examination and more self-criticism and called attention to the dangers inherent in excessive stress on "action reporting."

The Foreign Press Association (Stampa Estera) is just recovering from the gastronomic ravages of a luncheon thrown for the foreign ministry's new press chief, counselor Salvatore Saraceno. Dr. Saraceno has been in the press section for the past eight years and is well-known to visiting firemen.

United Press International's new staffer, Brenda Rotzoll, has arrived to beef up the bureau from her previous post with UPI in London.

Winston Burdett, CBS, on the mend after surgery for serious case of ulcers. Burdett just finished his book on the genesis of the Arab-Israel Six-Day War.

Giorgio Gabbi has left AP's Rome bureau to take a new executive post with Reader's Digest in Milan.

Piero de Garzarolli, also AP, off to the United States for two months of work in AP's New York headquarters.

Alfred Friendly, Jr., has been sent here as reinforcement for the New York Times' Rome bureau — Robert Doty and Nick Mikos.

Curtis "Bill" Pepper, putting the finishing touches on his biography of South African surgeon Chris Barnard. Barnard flew in here for consultations, and Pepper has been commuting to Johannesburg.

Rome is gearing for the onrush of religion reporters who will descend on the Eternal City for Pope Paul's consistory elevating 33 Cardinals to the purple and for the Bishops' Synod in October.

Don Larrimore, ex-UPI, is taking over the Westinghouse Broadcasting spot here in mid-April. London's Westinghouse man, Jerry Landay was down here to help Larrimore settle.

Belated wedding note: AP's veteran photographer Jim Pringle was married to the former Miss Audrey McNeal a few moons back.

### MUNICH IS BASE FOR PRAGUE WATCHERS

By DAVID GROZIER

MUNICH — The invasion of Czechoslovakia by Warsaw Pact powers brought a flood of correspondents to Munich, which is less than 100 miles, as a slightly drunken crow might fly, from the CS border. Tides of said flood set in both directions; those who were trying to get in and those who had tried unsuccessfully to stay in. Many a long bow was pulled over the steins in the Hofbrauhaus and other Munich *lokale* as the errant scribes swapped yarns and information, often intermingling the two, as sometimes happens in moments of stress and on slow days.

Besides, those big steins (called *Mass* by the Munchners) hold a full liter of the kind of beer that makes Milwaukee jealous, hence the number of tanks reported (military type in CS, that is, not human type in Munich) rose geometrically with the elbows.

Munich remains a good place to check in for anyone going to or from East Europe or contemplating filing a story about it without doing so. 'Tis

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## DIARY OF A

By JAMES DE SYLVA

SAIGON — ABC reporter Ken Gale was given an assignment at Ben Het, a small CIDG (Civilian Indigenous Defense Group) camp near the tri-border area of Laos, Cambodia and South Viet Nam.

CIDG is the new name for the special forces 'A' camp, this being a twelve-man team of American special forces advisors and a few hundred Vietnamese, Montagnard, or Chinese Nung troops. Any mixture of the three types may be employed at one of these camps, and because of the manner in which they operate and are paid, they are considered mercenaries.

### Highlands Assignment

With our Vietnamese soundman, Kha, Ken and I headed for the highlands. From Pleiku we flew west by helicopter to Dak To. There we received a briefing from commanders of the 4th Division as to what was going on at Ben Het.

The North Vietnamese had planned to attack the camp in strength. However, word had leaked to the camp through an intricate spy system and they were forewarned four hours prior to the actual assault. With this advance information the men prepared their defenses and started planning a trap for the enemy.

At nine in the evening of March 3rd, a heavy barrage of enemy artillery came into the camp from across the border. 85mm Communist guns fired around 200 shells during the following one and a half hours.

Then at about 11:15 a forward observer from the camp spotted five enemy tanks moving on a road of the camp. About an hour later an NVA battalion hit at the western edge of the perimeter. Having had the four-hour period to prepare, they were ready with support groups standing by. Medium tanks had been rushed up from the 4th Division outpost at Dak To. The 105mm and 155mm howitzers at nearby hilltop artillery positions aimed their guns at the jungle the enemy had to pass through and waited.

As the North Vietnamese began their charge on the west hill of the camp, allied guns opened up. The camp put out a withering fire of cannon, machine guns and other light weapons. The artillery rained a wall of steel at the edge of the barbed wire defenses. Not one enemy soldier made it inside. Jets screamed in as the battered NVA troops pulled back. It was now about 1:15 in the morning. Air observers spotted an estimated ten enemy tanks and six other vehicles moving down the road from the border.

### Enemy Attack

The second wave of enemy moved in on the small camp as their mortar teams fired continuously into the beleaguered



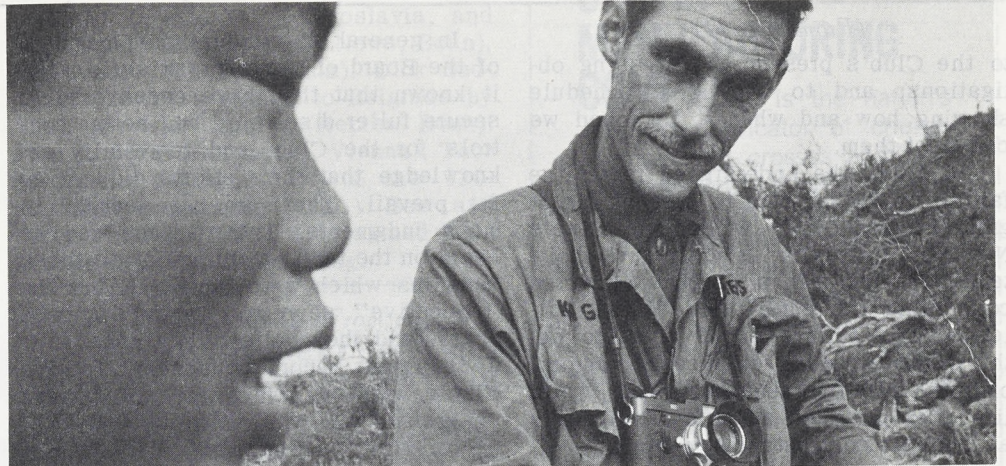
# VIET NAM REPORTER, TIRED OF THE WAR

defenders. 122mm rockets screamed in from across the border impacting with tear gas and CS, a nausea compound. Fortunately the men had gas masks and they played by the enemy to confuse and panic the CIDG forces failed.

AC47 gunships circled above the battle raining down a hail of fire on the now trapped North Vietnamese. The US tanks had moved into position along the low hills bordering the road. The 105 and 155mm American artillery teams poured nearly 2,000 rounds into the area. The small camp had by now received over 300 rounds of heavy enemy artillery fire.

Nine-hundred meters south the enemy tanks came into view on the road. The first in line hit a US mine and swerved off the road disabled. The second vehicle behind him pulled around to continue the armored push on the camp. Then an American medium tank slammed one of its 90mm high explosive rounds into the enemy vehicle. It stopped dead, the inside of the light machine disintegrated, crew and all. The smoldering tank that had hit the mine rotated its turret to bring its 75mm gun into play. The US 90mm roared again and the turret of the Russian-built machine disappeared.

Just then an NVA recoilless rifle hit the American tank. As the round exploded the driver and one crewman in the US tank were killed. The tank commander and gunner were seriously wounded. A special forces medic and his team ran to their aid as a jet dove in and obliterated the remains of the enemy tank that had hit the mine. The rest of the NVA armored column turned and fired back to the border. American artillery walked shells up the road in pursuit; a third vehicle flew apart under the barrage. It was impossible to identify it later as all that remained was an axle and a black spot in the road.



INTERVIEW: ABC News reporter Kenneth Gale talks with Vietnamese CIDG captain at Ben Het just after enemy attack on camp. (Photos by Jim DeSylva)

By 3 a.m. the camp had received another twenty-five rounds of 85mm fire, but the attack was by now a shambles. The heavy allied fire had broken its back. The remnants of the enemy ranks were retreating in disorder. By 7:30 in the morning the only heavy fire received by the camp was from the south by B40 rocket launchers covering the retreat of the NVA stragglers. Air strikes and artillery silenced the enemy positions.

At 10:30 the next day an Air Force observation plane verified the two destroyed enemy tanks and identified them as Russian PT76 amphibious units. Anti-aircraft fire was still erupting from the jungle, but enemy fire on the camp had all but ceased.

A big tank retriever and five medium tanks with support troops went out after the least damaged of the Russian units the next day and had brought it back by late afternoon...the first enemy tank ever recovered in Viet Nam, and the first Russian-built unit to ever be destroyed in face-to-face conflict by an American crew. Our medium tank was far superior to the Russian PT76, and even after being hit by the recoilless rifle another crew was able to drive it home under its own power.

## Films and Interviews

We filmed the wreck, interviewed some of the men and, like other TV news crews, wished we could take pictures at night.

Total friendly casualties in the battle were two US killed and two wounded...the crew of the American tank that had hit the enemy armor. How many of the North Vietnamese perished or were wounded in the aborted attack was unknown, but presumably their losses were considerably heavier.

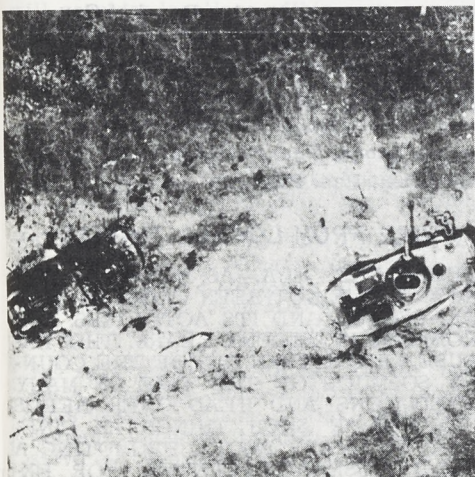
What was immediately noted by US commanders was the close parallel of

this attack with that on Lang Vei camp last year near Khe Sanh. There is a distinct likeness in the entire operations on both sides. Lang Vei, like Ben Het, was a special forces outpost very near the border. In both cases enemy armored vehicles and heavy artillery from across the border were employed. In the case of both camps a large US base was situated along the main road from the border to the rear and in support of the special forces unit. At Ben Het the attempt failed miserably. At Lang Vei they succeeded, and after overrunning the camp, the ensuing battle at Khe Sanh became world-famous.

In that incident the enemy used the siege of Khe Sanh as a cover and diversion while their main force went around the battle and attacked further to the rear at Hue during the Tet offensive of 1968. In the case of Ben Het and Dak To, the major city to the rear would be Pleiku.

So alike were the two situations that even the terrain was similar. However at Ben Het the enemy push was thwarted completely and any future plans by the NVA stopped at least for the time being. In the event the enemy should launch another offensive, at least the element of surprise and secrecy of overall tactical planning are lost to them at Ben Het, Dak To and Pleiku.

We flew back into Saigon to ship our film. Kha, our soundman, was a bit nervous from 122mm rocket attacks. I, because of sampling local culinary disasters, a victim of dysentery. Ken Gale with another crew went out to Ton Son Nhut airport to cover the arrival of Melvin Laird, the new Secretary of Defense. Like those who have held the same job, he is looking for the solution to the Viet Nam war. All in all it was just another average week in Viet Nam. Most of us are more than a little tired of it.



BENT HARDWARE: These are the Russian PT76 tanks destroyed in attack.



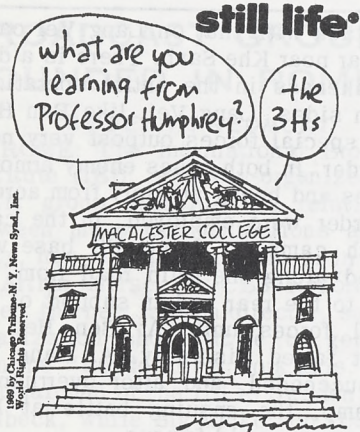
# Letters

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to the Club's present and pressing obligations, and to set up a schedule showing how and when it is hoped we can meet them.

5) All of the undersigned regret the failure of the officers to present a program of economies within the Club's New York operation, in addition to those temporary limitations which were voted concerning the publication of the Bulletin. This failure would seem to put the burden of inconvenience on our out-of-town and overseas members, while life goes on much as before the crisis at the New York establishment.

JERRY ROBINSON



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In general, the undersigned members of the Board of Governors wish to make it known that they have endeavored to secure fuller disclosure and better controls for the Club, and regrettably acknowledge that their efforts did not so far prevail. They are not seeking to make judgments. Their voices can be heard on the tape recordings of all those sessions which were taped (all but the "executive" sessions) in the past two years, and they believe they constitute a sufficient record of concern for the Club's welfare, which all of us have sought and will continue to seek.

Lawrence G. Blochman

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(March 18, 1969)

### ... AN ANSWER

The above statement, as it stands, is misleading. Its tone reflects the emotional stress of recent Board meetings, rather than the facts. For instance: (1) The assertion that requests for financial information have been ignored is untrue. We challenge the signers to support this assertion either from the minutes or from tape recordings. The single exception concerned matters under investigation by the District Attorney's office — an inquiry demanded by all the signers of the above letter. The Club's attorneys have insisted (and the Board has voted) that we must not discuss this investigation publicly while it is under way.

(2) The previous House Committee not only failed "to control" Clubhouse operations but defied Board instructions to seek economies. That is why it was disbanded: today, two new committees are fully and effectively functioning in its place.

(3) The signers of the above letter never brought a motion to the Board for a "chit" system. Furthermore, they must certainly know that the recent adoption of such a system was entirely due to a recommendation in the special report by Financial Coordinator Joe Wurzel.

(4-5) All of the above signers voted for limitation of The Bulletin. Not one of them moved a single original proposal to cut costs or produce income in the New York Clubhouse. The fact is, as a Presidential Report to the membership dis-

closed in last week's Bulletin, that no less than 20 local economy measures are being implemented by the Administration. Among them are: (a) staff economies, (b) a drive for collection of delinquent accounts, (c) repricing in bar and dining room, (d) upping of commercial rentals, (e) cutting out of unproductive hours in Grill, (f) increased evening use of dining room, (g) interest charges levied on late accounts, (h) rigid controls on cash, etc.

We recall, also, that the Treasurer — with the support of the President — presented a detailed financial preview in May, 1968, which warned that dues would have to be raised to \$150 to meet deficits anticipated even then. Nearly all the signers of the above letter voted against this urgent recommendation, despite the figures placed before them eleven months ago.

Meeting the problems recently uncovered has been an unsettling experience. We suggest that Board members should devote their energies to confronting the present crisis instead of bemoaning past errors. These errors, to which many of the above signers were party, extend over several previous administrations.

All Board members should also take note of the magnificent response of the Club's membership: well over 1,100 members have paid in more than \$40,000 in assessments as of this writing, with many of them contributing extra cash as well.

The best interests of the Club are ill served by efforts of self-exculpation like the preceding letter. They are divisive, at a time when we need unity.

Mary Hornaday, First Vice President

Frank Gervasi, Second Vice President

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### WIRE FROM LOWELL THOMAS

HOBE SOUND, FLA.—AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, I HAVE NOT BEEN CLOSE TO OUR GREAT CLUB AND ITS ACTIVITIES AND PROBLEMS IN RECENT YEARS. THIS BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY SO MUCH OF THE TIME ON MANY EXPEDITIONS AND HEAD OVER HEELS INVOLVED IN SUCH THINGS AS CINERAMA, TOO MANY BOOKS, PROMOTING A WORLD RESEARCH CENTER FOR EXPLORATION AND SO ON, AND SO ON.

(See page 7)



**TICKER** (Form page 4)

said that one correspondent who shall go nameless here filed three stories about the invasion, datelined various small towns along the border, without leaving his swivel chair here in Beer-ville-on-the-Isar. He is *not* an OPC'er, of course.

Some kind of a record was set, it seems likely, when three Newsweekers — **John Dornberg** (Moscow), **Bruce van Voorst** (Bonn) and **Alan Tillier** (Vienna) hit town on the same day. They had been preceded and were followed by Ken

Huszar, also Newsweek, also Vienna. **Ray Vicker**, Wall Street Journal, gave the place a quick survey on his way back to London from Yugoslavia, and **Dan Shanor** (Chicago Daily News, Bonn), **Bill Mader** (TIME, Vienna), **Dick Sudhalter** (newly assigned to Belgrade by UPI), **Michael Lockley** (Reuter, Bonn), **Paul Lendvai** (free lance, Vienna), **Thor Severson**, editor-in-chief of the 120-year-old Sacramento (Cal.) Bee and **Peter Forbath** (TIME, Vienna) had been through town as of this filing.

**LOWELL THOMAS WIRE** (From page 6)

EVEN THOUGH I WAS ONE OF THE EARLY PRESIDENTS I HAVE NO RIGHT TO THROW MY WEIGHT AROUND. BUT I HAVE BEEN HEARING ABOUT THE PRESENT SO-CALLED CRISIS WHICH DOES SOUND RATHER SERIOUS. HOWEVER, AS I RECALL IT WE ALWAYS WERE FACING A CRISIS!

THIS TELEGRAM IS MERELY TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN ALL OF YOU AND I HOPE YOU WILL FIND A WAY TO PULL TOGETHER. AS WE ALL KNOW SNIPING AND FACTIONALISM CAN ONLY MAKE A HARD TASK HARDER. HERE'S HOPING YOU ALL FIND A WAY TO SCOTCH ALL DISUNITY. THE OPC NEVER WAS AN EASY ORGANIZATION TO RUN. WE ARE ALL PRIMADONNAS, AREN'T WE?! IT MAY NOT BE EASY. BUT HERE'S HOPING YOU FIND A WISE WAY OUT OF THE PRESENT DILEMMA AND SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.  
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# PEOPLE & PLACES

By BETTY ETTER

ON THE GO: AP's special correspondent **Hugh A. Mulligan** took a 5,260-mile truck ride across America, from Cleveland to Anchorage, Alaska, for a two-part feature story for the Sunday papers of March 30 and April 6. The Canton, Ohio, Repository interviewed the truck drivers who made the trip, for their views of Mulligan. They rated him a good traveling companion . . . **James Teague**, now retired and living in Andora, in NY briefly after a three-year absence . . . **Lee Griggs** temporarily transferred back to Beirut, where he put in four years (1964-1968) as Time's Middle East bureau chief. He will return in October to his permanent base in Hong Kong as Time's China and Southeast bureau chief . . . **Arthur Holzman**, NASA's assistant general counsel, back in his (tightfitting, he says) Navy Commander's uniform for a tour of temporary active duty in Hawaii as a public affairs officer on the staff of Admiral John S. McCain, Jr. commander-in-chief Pacific . . . **B. Wierzbianski**, Economic News and Research FNS, to Courmayeur and Wengernalp, in Italy and Switzerland for two weeks' skiing, after which he goes to Milan, Zurich and Munich on business.

NEW POSTS: Ex-prexy **Barrett McGurn** appointed by President Nixon — and approved by the Senate — as counselor of embassy for press affairs in the US Embassy in Viet Nam. The embassy has three ambassadors, two ministers, and four other counselors — for political affairs, economic affairs, public affairs and administration. On the press side, McGurn writes, "we have one minister for press affairs, George Newman and a counselor for press affairs — the appointment I have been given. I am also the director of the press center of the US Mission in Viet Nam, a joint civilian-military operation linking all US PR services, including those of the Army, Navy and Marines, and taking care of

500 accredited newsmen." . . . **Dorothy Ducas**, PR consultant, appointed director of public relations for the National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation.

ARTICLES: **Hal Lehrman** in the current issue of Input (Sperry-Rand Univac quarterly) with a "Report from Italy: Fiat — the Flourishing Giant." . . . **Lisa Hoffman's** byline on an April 6 Sunday News story on Anna Marie Huste, the former cook of Jackie Onassis, "celebrating" the first anniversary of being fired. Pictures show the lady taking a bubble bath and drinking champagne. . . **Ernest Dunbar** in the April 6 NY Sunday Times Magazine with "The Black Studies Thing." . . . **Wambly Bald's** piece on Clara Barton and the creation of the American Red Cross in the current issue of the NRTA Journal.

BOOKS: **Ralph G. Martin's** "Jennie" on the NY Times bestseller list, with portions of it serialized in the NY Post. . . **Alan Levy** reports from Prague that Simon & Schuster has just published his "God Bless You Real Good: My Crusade with Billy Graham." March Good Housekeeping also featured his profile of Petula Clark.

RADIO & TV: **Dana Adams Schmidt** one of the "Meet the Press" panelists interviewing King Hussein I of Jordan on April 13 on NBC . . . **Norman Cousins** a special guest on **Dorothy Gordon's** Youth Forum (NBC) April 13, discussing "The Challenge of Building Peace." . . **Leo Cheme**, chairman of the International Rescue Committee, who has just returned from Southeast Asia, on the Martha Deane Show (WOR) April 1 . . . **Elaine Shepard** co-hostess on Joe Franklin's late-night WOR-TV program dedicated to the late President Eisenhower on March 31. Elaine was accredited to the late President's tours of North Africa, Europe, Asia and South America . . . A half hour profile of **Edward L. Bernays** being

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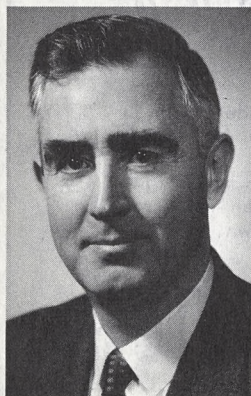
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rebroadcast over WHDH, the CBS outlet in Boston, April 16 . . . News commentator **Alex Dreier** can be seen as a double-dealing CIA agent on ABC-TV's "It Takes a Thief" on ABC-TV April 22.

HONORS: **Whit and Hallie Burnett** guests of honor at the P.E.N. Club April 18 at the Hotel Pierre to mark publication of their annual volume containing the best of the Scholastic-sponsored national college awards, "STORY: The Yearbook of Discovery/1969" (Four Winds Press) . . . **Yousuf Karsh** appointed as the photographic adviser to the theme pavilion at EXPO 70 to be held in Japan next year. Karsh, accompanied by his wife, goes to Japan in May to judge the exhibit, entitled "The Common Man All Over the World." Meantime, Karsh's exhibit, "Men Who Make Our World," opens April 25 at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, DC . . . **Roger V. Marshall** accepted into membership in Sigma Delta Chi and was recently initiated into Elks Lodge No. 1574 in Southampton, NY.

RECUPERATING: **Barry J. Holloway** at his home in Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, N.Y., after illness in NY's Lenox Hill Hospital.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. **Alex Tassos**, a son, Charles Christopher, on March 11, at the Lying-In Hospital, N.Y. He's their first child.



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